

Appl. No. 09/963,664
Amdt. Dated 12/01/2003
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Remarks/Arguments

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 34 and 35. In response to the Office Action, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 10, and 26 in accordance with the discussions in the Telephonic Interview of September 15, 2003. Thus, claims 1, 10, and 26 now claim the feature of Applicants' invention where an air outflow opening of the air-distributing device is provided on an upper narrow side and a lateral outer narrow side of the backrest. As agreed in the Interview, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 10 and 26 are allowable over the art of record in the application.

Applicants respectfully request re-entry of withdrawn claims 6-8, 16-25, 29, and 32 in the application since they now depend from an allowable generic independent claim. Further in this Amendment, Applicants have canceled independent claim 33 as being directed to a non-elected invention. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance with claims 1-3, 5-12, 16-32, and 34-35 being allowable.

If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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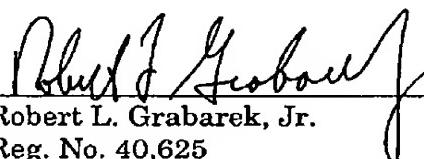
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Respectfully submitted,

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